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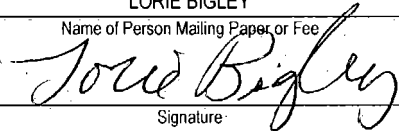
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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-271370 (MINOLTA CO., LTD.), published October 9, 1998; and
- (2) Morimoto et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,487,366 B1, issued November 26, 2002.

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